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tions.

"(B) when entering into contracts that may result in the elimination of responsibilities of an individual fiscal intermediary or carrier under section 202(b) of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996; and  
"(C) at any other time considered appropriate by the Secretary, except that the Secretary may continue to contract with entities that are carrying out the activities described in this section pursuant to agreements under section 1816 or contracts under section 1842 in effect on the date of the enactment of this section.

"(3) Procedures under which a contract under this section may be renewed without regard to any provision of law requiring competition if the contractor has met or exceeded the performance requirements established in the current contract.

The Secretary may enter into such contracts without regard to final rules having been promulgated.

(e) LIMITATION ON CONTRACTOR LIABILITY  
The Secretary shall by regulation provide for the limitation of a contractor's liability for actions taken to carry out a contract under the Program, and such regulation shall, to the extent the Secretary finds appropriate, employ the same or comparable standards and other substantive and procedural provisions as are contained in section 1157.

(b) ELIMINATION OF FEE AND CARRIER RESPONSIBILITY FOR CARRYING OUT ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO PROGRAM.

(1) (E.S. UNDER  
PART A [REDACTED] Section 1816 (42 U.S.C. 1395h) is  
amended by adding  
at the end the following new subsection:  
"(1) No agency or organization may carry  
out (or receive payment for carrying out) any activity pursuant  
to an agreement under this section to the extent that the activity is  
carried out pursuant to a contract under the Medicare  
Integrity Program under section 1893."  
(2) RESPONSIBILITIES OF CARRIERS UNDER  
PART B [REDACTED] Section 1842(c) (42 U.S.C. 1395u(c)) is amended  
by adding at the end  
the following new paragraph:  
"(6) No carrier may carry out (or receive payment for carrying out) any activity pursuant to a contract under this subsection to the extent that the activity is carried out pursuant to a contract under the Medicare Integrity Program under section 1893. The previous sentence shall not apply with respect to the activity described in section 1893(b)(5) (relating to prior authorization of certain items of durable medical equipment under section

42 USC 1395[REDACTED] SEC. 203. BENEFICIARY INCENTIVE  
PROGRAMS,

(a) CLARIFICATION OF REQUIREMENT TO  
PROVIDE EXPLANATION  
OF MEDICARE BENEFITS. The Secretary of  
Health and Human Services (in this section referred to as the  
"Secretary") shall provide an explanation of benefits under the  
Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act with  
respect to each item or service for which payment may be made  
under the program which is furnished to an individual without  
regard to whether or not a deductible or coinsurance may be  
imposed against the individual with respect to the item or service.